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1. Recruitment into the Komsomol organization is conducted in the following manner: the class director (a teacher in the Stalin School) recommends to the secretary of the Komsomol (usually a ninth- or tenth-grade student) those students who are sufficiently advanced in, or receptive to, Communist indoctrination. The secretary talks with the candidate and suggests that he make out an application. Usually the candidate does not refuse. [redacted] no discrimination by the teachers between Komsomol members and regular students. In his application, the candidate has to attach (1) recommendations from two Komsomol members with at least three years' membership, or a recommendation from one Communist Party member, (2) an autobiography, and (3) the most recent report on his classroom behavior and progress. 25X1
2. All these documents are presented to the secretary of the Komsomol. The candidate is given 15 days to study Komsomol organizational statutes, after which a common meeting (open or closed) of Komsomol members is called by the secretary. During the meeting the secretary announces the receipt of the application, and inquiries are made of the persons who recommended the candidate. The candidate is then called into the meeting and made to answer all questions, most of which are connected with Komsomol statutes. The meeting ends with an open vote, accepting or rejecting the candidate, or granting a six-month probational membership. The only difference between the permanent member and the probational member is that the latter has no right to vote or to recommend other applicants.
3. Approximately once a week, a 45-minute lesson is given on military tactics and or physical culture. The military instruction is given by a demobilized senior lieutenant appointed to the post by the local yovenkomat. He instructs on (1) handling

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of a rifle for fifth graders and up, (2) range firing with small-caliber rifles, (3) basic training, and (4) battlefield tactics and automatic-rifle training for the upper grades. All lessons are conducted during school hours and no field maneuvers are ever practiced. Physical culture lessons consist of general calisthenics, rhythmic gymnastics, and exercises on gym apparatus.

Other Activities in the Stalin School

4. Besides regular school duties, there are various types of student circles, e.g., literature, history, sports, and study of Stalin's autobiography. Membership in one of these groups, although not mandatory, is recommended. The literary circle consists of approximately 50 students from several grades, and meets twice a week after school. Every member is required to prepare a literary discussion or to make a speech before the circle or in class.
5. School lasts from 0900 hours to 1400 or 1500 hours and consists of five or six classes. During a 15-minute recess after the first three classes, all students are given a free lunch consisting of meat pie. Smoking is forbidden in school. There is a two-week vacation beginning on the New Year, and the summer vacation lasts from the end of May or middle of June until the end of August, depending on the grade: upper-class students have to prepare for final examinations which usually take place in the latter half of June. The new school year begins on the first of September.
6. Beginning in 1949, a fee of 200 rubles per year was charged for eighth graders and up. In 1951, 25X1
an eleventh year of school was introduced all over the USSR.
7. Through 1951 there was a shortage of textbooks in bookshops. The schools themselves, bazaars, or friends were the best sources.

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